

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7021  
INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 4252

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR IS RO UR  
SUBJECT: PASSAGE OF SOVIET JEWS

REF: STATE 218199

1. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR COHEN REAFFIRMED TO CHARGE IN STRINGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THAT EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS VIA ROMANIA WAS HALTED ENTIRELY IN EARLY OCTOBER AND REMAINS HALTED TODAY. ROMANIANS HAVE PROMISED TO CONSIDER REOPENING THIS ROUTE AT SOME POINT IN FUTURE BUT HAVE GIVEN NO TIMING.
2. AS NOTED IN BUCHAREST 4087, COHEN SAID EARLIER THAT QUESTION OF TRANSITTING OF SOVIET JEWS DID NOT COME UP DURING VISIT OF ABBA EBAN. ASKED SAME QUESTION AGAIN TODAY, COHEN SAID MATTER WAS "NOT DISCUSSED" DURING EBAN VISIT BUT COHEN ADMITTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN "A QUESTION" AND "AN ANSWER." COHEN WOULD NOT CLARIFY THE POINT FURTHER BUT DID SAY THAT HE (COHEN) TOO HAD MADE SUBSEQUENT DEMARCHE TO ACTING FOREIGN MIN GLIGA BUT WAS STILL WAITING FOR REPLY.
3. COHEN GAVE NO FIGURES ON PREVIOUS TRAFFIC VOLUME THROUGH ROMANIA. HE DID SAY THAT ROMANIAN ROUTE BEGAN IN OCTOBER 1972 AND SERVED MAINLY TO REDUCE LOAD ON AUSTRIAN ROUTE; ITS CONFIDENTIAL

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VOLUME HAD INCREASED STEADILY WHEN IT WAS IN OPERATION. COHEN SAID TRANSITTING JEWS LAID OVER "DAY OR TWO" IN BUCHAREST WITH FULL COOPERATION OF GOR AUTHORITIES.

4. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR WAS VISIBLY NERVOUS ABOUT DISCUSSING  
SUBJECT AGAIN AND WEIGHED EVERY WORD CAREFULLY; THERE IS  
CLEARLY GREAT SENSITIVITY ON ISRAELI PART THAT SLIGHTEST  
DISTURBANCE WOULD UPSET DELICATE EFFORTS TO REOPEN ROMANIAN  
ROUTE.  
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